

HCS HB 272 -- ALZHEIMER'S STATE PLAN TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Cooper (Chappelle-Nadal)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute establishes the Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force within the Department of Health and Senior Services. The 19-member task force is required to:

- (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia on Missouri residents;
- (2) Examine existing services and resources for individuals with dementia, their families, and caregivers;
- (3) Develop recommendations regarding increased instances of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;
- (4) Gather public input;
- (5) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2010; and
- (6) Meet at a minimum of once annually to evaluate the implementation and impact of the task force recommendations and provide annual supplemental reports.

When conducting the assessment and making recommendations, the task force is required to examine state trends; existing services, resources, and capacity; and necessary state policies or responses.

The provisions of the substitute will expire November 1, 2012.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow the state to review existing resources and determine future needs. It has been 20 years since the last Alzheimer's Task Force was in operation. The number of Missourians with Alzheimer's is expected to increase, and the task force will be charged with looking into prevention and risk factors.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Chappelle-Nadal; Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Missouri Alzheimer's Coalition; Karen Waterhouse; Missouri Coalition for Quality Care; AARP; and Missouri Association of Homes for the Aging.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.